

(SRI KADIDAL MANJAPPA.)
newly converted into wet under the channels were classed as wet while those that had not been actually so converted but were likely to become wet in due course, were retained as dry. The effect of the re-classification will be to assess with wet rates such lands as have been paying dry assessment and water rate at present.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) Dry assessment from
Re. 0-12-0 to Rs. 1-4-0 per acre *plus*
water rate at Rs. 7-8-0 per acre being
levied and collected.

MYSORE SALES TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953.

*Recommendation by Rajpramukh
to introduce and move.*

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a communication from the Government forwarding a copy of the Order made by the Rajpramukh, which runs as follows :

“In pursuance of clause (1) of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar, Rajpramukh of Mysore, do hereby recommend that the Mysore Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1953, be introduced and moved in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.”

Motion to introduce.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—(Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—Sir, I beg to introduce the Mysore Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1953, published in the *Mysore Gazette* Extraordinary dated 9th April 1953 under Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—On a point of order, Sir. The Bill has not been published in the *Gazette*.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is published in the *Gazette* Extraordinary yesterday.

I think copies have been distributed to you all.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—At least there should be three days' notice. But if the Chair has permitted I have no objection. But, first of all the Hon'ble Minister should move for the suspension of standing orders.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before he moves the motion for consideration, he will seek this permission. But he is only introducing the Bill for which no permission is necessary.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Sir, I beg to move that Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly may be suspended in respect of the Mysore Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1953.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—It is with regret that I have to oppose this motion for the suspension of the rules of business. Sir, I would have had no objection if it had been an ordinary amendment or an amendment which would arise as a matter of course. But when it is an amendment which affects the entire country and the entire community and when it is of a fiscal character, which asks the people to contribute more and more to the exchequer, it will not be a fit case of suspending the rules of business—especially a taxation measure which will burden the people with extra tax. It is necessary that, in all such matters, the public should be given sufficient time to express their opinion. Sir, we are here as representatives of the people.

AN HON'BLE MEMBER.—We thought that the Leader of the Opposition has been unofficially consulted in this matter.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Not in regard to the procedure. It is necessary to give an opportunity to the people as to how they regard the fiscal measure. It is a right of the people to know what the aim of the Government is. After all, what is the object with which we publish a Bill